1. Welcome back - Faculty & New Faculty and Staff introductions
2. Approval of April 30, 2012 SPS meeting minutes
3. Discussion with Julie Costello-Taylor, ICE Director
4. Confirmation of Committee Appointments & Votes on Academic & Curriculum (volunteer please!)
5. Distinguished Speaker Information
6. New TJM 202 laboratory & Clicker discussion – Brad Griffin and Kevin Blobaum
7. Discussion of Meeting dates for discipline, school and new faculty mentoring
8. Any other new business
Hello!

Becky Johnson from Marketing is coming over before our meeting tomorrow and taking our annual SPS group picture, new faculty pictures, and pictures of anyone who wishes for a new picture for their website.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Peace

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Mission
To foster a greater understanding of the leadership role students can play in community development by creating opportunities for students to engage with society and apply what they have learned in meaningful ways.

Strategies and Programs
The ICE coordinates relevant learning experiences that are integrated with the college’s academic programs. Projects and courses are designed to make an impact at the community level, broadly defined in terms of scope and location (campus, local, regional, abroad). Program participants will have opportunities to develop and apply their leadership, critical thinking, project management and communication skills.

The ICE will:

- Act as a focal point to identify, develop and maintain extra- and intra-institutional partnerships and student engagement projects covering general interests across the disciplines of study.
- Develop and manage a field experience program with opportunities for international travel.
- Supervise student involvement in academic service learning, research and other engagement projects.
- Offer the Community Development courses as an option satisfying the interdisciplinary requirement in the college’s general studies program and support engagement enhancement for other courses.
- Review proposals for and supervise individual independent study projects related to the institute’s mission.
- Work collaboratively with faculty members and other professionals to leverage their talents and support emerging educational and related research initiatives by providing resources, expertise or administrative support.
- Work with others to identify, develop, and maintain external funding sources.
- Conduct and promote engagement and learning effectiveness research and assess engagement activities.
- Coordinate and enhance guest speaker events with supplemental learning opportunities.
- Work with COLL 101 faculty to develop and support initial engagement experiences.
Peru State College
Institute for Community Engagement
ICE Standards and Guidelines for Outreach Opportunities, Projects, and Courses
Revised 8/7/12

It is suggested that Community Outreach Opportunities (projects, research, independent studies, assignments, etc.) meet certain qualifications:

- Identifies and addresses a need within the community (campus, local, regional, or abroad)
- Demonstrates a clear connection between the content and the engagement opportunity
- Results in students' increased self-awareness and leadership, critical thinking, project management, and effective communication skills
- Should be academic related and tied to earning academic credit hours
- Involves collaboration with a community organization that is committed to a partnership
- Involves structured student assessment and reflection
- Should impact a larger number of students
- Should increase the prominence of Peru State College and contribute to advanced learning and leadership skill development
- Ideally projects will utilize knowledge and skills from a wide variety of disciplines. Research and independent study projects may be more subject/discipline specific and may only impact one student.
Campus Community,

The Distinguished Speaker Series Committee is pleased to announce the 2012-13 line-up. We will be hosting two speakers focused on relevant international topics and hope you will be able to join us at each event.

Somaly Mam presents *The Lost Road to Innocence* on Monday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. in the College Theater. Mam’s presentation will focus on her life experiences in human trafficking, specifically child sexual slavery and her work to support victims recovery and anti-trafficking organizations. In 2009, Mam was named as one of Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People and was featured as a CNN Hero. She is the recipient of the Prince of Asturias Award for International Cooperation, The World’s Children’s Prize for the Rights of the Child (WCPRC) and Glamour Magazine’s 2006 Woman of the Year Award. She has also won accolades from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Dr. Shirin Ebadi presents *Iran Awakening: A Story of Revolution and Hope* on Monday, February 25th at 7 p.m. in the College Theater. Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Ebadi is the first Iranian and first Muslim woman to win the coveted prize. As a woman in Iran, Ebadi’s life has paralleled the dramatic changes within her country, and her call for dissent and support for human rights has rung clear during the political and religious upheaval in the Middle East. A towering figure with a commanding voice that will not be silenced, Ebadi courageously champions democracy and basic human rights for women, children, and all individuals. Her influence extends far beyond the borders of her country, inspiring hope that Islam, democracy and all human rights can co-exist despite the challenges faced in these turbulent times. Ebadi has three books published, *The Golden Cage: Three Borhters, Three Choices, One Destiny*, *Iran Awakening: One Woman’s Journey to Reclain Her Life and Country*, and *Shirin Ebadi: Champion for Human Rights In Iran* (Modern Peacemakers).

More information on both speakers can be found online at www.peru.edu/speakerseries. If you have ideas on how to integrate these topics into campus this year, please visit with a member of the Distinguished Speaker Committee: Dr. Kyle Ryan, Dr. Sheri Grotrian-Ryan, Dr. Dennis Welsh, Chelsea Allgood, Regan Anson, Ellen Larsen or myself. More details will be coming out soon regarding opportunities to engage with each speaker while they are on campus.

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MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, April 30, 2012, 1:00 p.m., TJM 307

PRESENT: Dean Galardi, Dr. Asmussen, Dr. Bliss Fudge, Ms. Edris, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Mr. Griffin, Dr. Grotian, Ms. Grotian-Ryan, Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Ibrayeva, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Knape, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Sharma

I. Dean Galardi called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion and second by Mr. Griffin and Dr. Asmussen.

III. Dean Galardi requested committee reports.
A. Dr. Nevitt reported that the Assessment Committee established a new level of score to be used in placement of incoming students in remedial English and math. A new assessment tool for academic advisement is now in place.
B. Dr. Nevitt indicated that CARE (Crisis Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) and also the disciplinary board have been functioning efficiently according to those previously involved in related matters on the campus.
C. Dr. Sharma indicated that the Diversity Committee is currently planning events for next year.
D. Dr. Sharma reported that the Safety Committee has no emergent issues. Additional cameras will be installed on campus. Mr. Jackson asked about the possibility of emergency call boxes being placed on the campus. Dr. Sharma reported that when that question had been discussed that he was told that cell phones made call boxes redundant. Dr. Sharma added that he had concern about lighting between the campus proper and the Centennial Complex.
E. Dr. Hutchison reported that the Strategic Plan is in draft form and should be finalized by June 30, 2012.
F. Dr. Ibrayeva reported that the Academic and Curriculum Committee approved the new General Studies Program and approved revised programs from several academic areas. Three new courses from Professional Studies were approved for credit in Community, Regional and Global Studies of the General Studies Program.
G. Dr. Asmussen reported that the Rank Promotion and Tenure Committee approved new requirements for materials submitted in the application for promotion and tenure.
H. Ms. Grotian-Ryan reported that the Chance Initiative (a program/grant which encourages healthier lifestyles among area children and their families by creating awareness and educating them about better choices) had completed the semester’s work.
I. Dr. Bliss Fudge reported on legislative affairs as related to Nebraska Psychological Association. Monies for the Department of Roads will be coming from a gas tax and from Medicaid funds. Dean Galardi added that Dr. Bliss Fudge had been doing a great job of getting Peru State’s classes approved for PLADC (Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor) requirements.

IV. Mr. Knape discussed transfer credits for students in the CPA Focus and that the credits should be scrutinized more closely than just allowing bulk credits. Upper division transfer credits should correlate with PSC credits, and syllabi from the previous institution should be compared with those of the corresponding PSC classes. Mr. Knape is a board member of the Accounting Education Advisory Board.

V. Department members discussed committee openings for the 2012/2013 school year, and voted on replacement committee assignments.
A. Teacher Education Committee – Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge
B. Assessment Committee – Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge
C. Faculty Senate, Professional Studies member, 2 years – Mr. Alan Jackson

VI. Dean Galardi and department members discussed the General Studies progress sheet and all of the Professional Studies progress sheets/programs in their entirety with the exception of the progress sheets for the minors, which were left to department members to review and know.

VII. Dean Galardi reviewed activities and accomplishments completed during the 2011-2012 school year.
A. Ms. Sheri Grotian-Ryan
   1. PBL research conference and Dr. Osborne’s visit
   2. PBL National Leadership Conference – 19 students attending
   3. Chance Initiative – Dr. Kyle Ryan and Ms. Sheri Grotian-Ryan
   4. PBL mentor
B. Mr. Brad Griffin
1. Planning and construction of new computer lab
2. Member –Teacher Education Committee
3. Established Young Republicans Club on campus

C. Dr. Christy Hutchison
1. Chair, HLC Preparation
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Arranged “Morality of Capitalism” event on campus
4. Arranged “Law School Symposium” event on campus
5. Faculty Senate 2012-2013
6. Chair of Academic and Curriculum 2012-2013
7. Freshman Fusion Advisory Board 2012-2013

D. Dr. Jim Nevitt
1. Chairperson-Student Disciplinary Board
2. Member-CARE Committee
3. Member-Assessment Committee

E. Dr. Kelly Asmussen
1. Member-Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee
2. Searching for Justice (Inside-Out Class at Tecumseh State Correctional Institution)

F. Dr. Judy Grotrian
1. Business Contest
2. Member-Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee
3. Faculty Athletic Representative

G. Dr. Mary Goebel-Lundholm
1. Member-Faculty Senate
2. Nebraska Business Development Center-Auburn
3. MSOM thesis review

H. Mr. Alan Jackson
1. Business Curriculum Review
2. Sponsor-Rotaract
3. Kawasaki Plant Field Trip

I. Dr. Kelli Gardner
1. Psychology program review
2. Capstone refinement
3. Member-Wellness Committee

J. Dr. Elina Ibrayeva
1. Member-Academic and Curriculum Committee
2. Kawasaki Plant Field Trip

K. Dr. Stacy Bliss Fudge
1. Nebraska Psychology Association-Legislative Affairs Committee
2. Psychology program review
3. PSCI

L. Dr. Vijay Sharma
1. Member-Diversity Committee
2. Member-Safety Committee
3. Athletic Study tables
4. Mr. Mo-vember (initiative raising funds and awareness for men’s health issues)
5. Sponsor-LAE (Lambda Alpha Epsilon – American Criminal Justice Association)

M. Mr. Aaron Knape
1. Board member-Accounting Education Advisory Board
2. Streaming video in upper-division accounting courses
VIII. College Successes:
   A. Successful HLC visit
   B. Completion of program reviews for all academic disciplines
   C. New laptops/docking stations for faculty
   D. Sapp Family visit
   E. NESIS system for all employees
   F. State funding for Oak Bowl

IX. School of Professional Studies Successes
   A. Revision of Accounting, CMIS, BAS-Management, BMIT, Business Management, and Marketing programs
   B. Revision of Criminal Justice program and new option (Law and Society)
   C. Revision of Psychology Core
   D. Curriculum mapping in Business, Criminal Justice and Psychology
   E. Beginning of standardized testing in Business area
   F. Input into General Studies changes and course inclusion in General Education Capstone and other areas
   G. Good results on advising survey
   H. Remodeling of 202, 301, 302, 307, and 326 with new audiovisual systems and docking stations
   I. Three new faculty members beginning Fall 2013: Accounting, CMIS and Criminal Justice
   J. Student scholarship winners – Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and NECPA (Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants)
   K. Dr. Kelli Gardiner will chair the Honors Program and teach in a new Honors course in Fall 2012

X. Dean Galardi visited with faculty members about a possible retreat during the summer.

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with a motion and second by Dr. Asmussen and Mr. Griffin.